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1. Finsterwalde (A15)

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Since May 1947 the Finsterwalder Maschinen GmbH (FIMAG) has been operating under Soviet technical management. Since February 1948 it has been making hydraulic AA gun mounts, the lightest of which resembles the carriage of the 84 mm, four-barreled gun produced by FIMAG during 1944-45. On 27 or 28 April 1948 approximately fifty mounts for very heavy AA guns were shipped out to an unknown destination.

2. Elbe-Gröditz (EEL-E92)

Monumented by the Russians in 1945, the Mitteldutsche Stahlwerke at Elbe and Gröditz were reequipped in late 1947 by SMA order. The moulding unit, foundry, smelter, press, and forge sections have been operating at about forty percent of capacity since that time. Approximately 4,000 men are employed under strict security conditions. The plant is making submarine bows, sterns, and steel pressure parts which are shipped by Elbe barge to Rostock. Production reports vary: according to a foreman, forty hulls per month are made; dock workers claim that only twelve hulls are shipped monthly.

3. Ammendorf (D92)

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part of the Orgazit plant has been reconstructed and is manufacturing yellow cross gas. He comments that sick workers from the plant treated by him are suffering from gas poisoning that could not have been incurred through the destruction of old gas grenades.

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Comment: There is no further evidence in this case. The plant in question, controlled by Chem. Fabrik Buckau, is listed in a wartime source book as a manufacturer of tear and mustard gasses.

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is producing uniform material for the Soviet Army. Workers receive additional rations as an inducement to fulfill quotas and short-term deliveries.

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Zella-Mehlis (JO3)

The Waffen- und Werkzeugmaschinen-Fabrik Wissner, earlier dismantled by the Russians, is being reequipped by order of SMA Weimar. It is to begin production of firearms, especially automatic pistols, with an initial labor force of 400 men.

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